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From: Kiefer, Linda
Sent: Mon 11/2/2015 8:20:02 PM
Subject: RE: Urgent request for input
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Richard,

Here is something to start work off of. It is a very drafty and will need editing.

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From: Sisk, Richard
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Linda – See below. I sent this question to you last week. Any thoughts?

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From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Sisk, Richard
Cc: Madigan, Andrea
Subject: Urgent request for input

Hi Richard,

Can you draft a response to this congressional request from SEPW? Is there any way you can draft something by COB today or noon tomorrow at the latest?

Thanks, and sorry for the last minute nature of this request.

Rebecca

15. DOI announced on August 20, 2015, that the Bureau of Reclamation would lead its review of the Gold King Mine spill. According to EPA documents and press reports, the Bureau of Reclamation has not cooperated with EPA's efforts to address contaminated mine water and to clean up the California Gulch Superfund Site in Leadville, Colorado. For example, in 2008 Lake County, Colorado, commissioners declared a state of emergency over concerns about the buildup of contaminated mine water at the Bureau of Reclamation's Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel. (See, http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/28/us/28leadville.html?_r=0.) In another example, EPA was forced to revise its remedy to clean up Operable Unit 6 for the California Gulch Superfund Site because Reclamation would not cooperate. (See, ftp://ftp.epa.gov/r8/calgulch/OU6/RODFeasibilityStudiesRIFS/CG_OU6RODAmendmentSep2010.pdf.) Please describe the basis for Reclamation's objections and efforts to resolve the disagreements about Reclamation's cleanup responsibility for the California Gulch Superfund Site, including any involvement by the White House.

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